

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]
 TOPIC Military Information from Cottbus and the Brandenburg Area

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 8 March 1952

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 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 19 March 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]
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REMARKS

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[REDACTED] 1. [REDACTED] 25X1
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[REDACTED] the course of instruction conducted in the barracks installation lasted two and a half months and was attended by 400 young officers belonging to units stationed in Cottbus and the neighboring area. The attending officers were being taught general subjects to fill in gaps in school education, rather than indoctrination on military topics. The graduation of the students was preceded by final examinations held in the officers' mess on Bismarckstrasse before a board of examiners who arrived from Moscow. Only after graduation from this course were the young officers eligible for promotion to high ranks. The informant also stated that the consumption of alcoholic beverages was strictly banned in the Hermann Loens Kaserne. *

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 [REDACTED] 2. A convoy which passed through Brandenburg (N 53/K 23) from the direction of Genthin at 6:30 p.m. on 8 March consisted of 20 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns and carrying 3 soldiers each. [REDACTED]

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The report refutes the previous assumption that the course of instruction may have lasted only two weeks. See

25X1A [REDACTED] The statement in the present report that the officers belonged to units in Cottbus and the neighborhood proves that no pool of officers exists at the Hq 9th Hecz Div.

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The convoy probably came from the Altengrabow troop training grounds. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the 2d Gds AA Div. Components of this division were reported to have gone to Altengrabow at the end of February 1952. [REDACTED]

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